

Gift of Town Clerk

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
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NORTH READING,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY, 1885,
—AND—
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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

SCHOOLS.

Paid for teaching High School,	\$467 25
Centre	270 00
East	245 00
Franklin	270 00
West	252 00
North	250 50
School supplies	229 98
Wood	132 50
Care of School rooms	82 36
Repairs on School houses	74 17
Painting	283 21
	\$2556 97

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Charles P. Howard as town Clerk	15 00
Charles P. Howard for recording and making returns of Births, Marriages, Deaths, Valuation and Taxes,	35 15
Charles P. Howard, clerk of Registrars and obtaining ballot box,	5 00
Charles P. Howard, journeys out of town for ballot box,	2 00
Charles P. Howard, express on ballot box,	1 00
Charles P. Howard, postage and express on books,	7 61
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	65 76

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	—————	65 76
Samuel Batchelder, as Selectman, assess- or and overseer of the poor,	105 00	
Samuel Batchelder, journeys out of town,	22 00	
Sam'l Batchelder, as Registrar of voters,	8 00	
S. Batchelder, perambulating town line,	2 00	
Samuel Batchelder, for books, stationery, and postage.	13 34	
Solon O. Holt, as selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor,	85 00	
Solon O. Holt, as Registrar of voters,	8 00	
Solon O. Holt, journeys out of town	8 00	
Dennis Batchelder, as selectman, assessor overseer of the poor,	65 00	
Dennis Batchelder, as Registrar of voters,	2 00	
Dennis Batchelder, perambulating town line,	1 50	
Joseph D. Gowing, as treasurer,	38 00	
Joseph D. Gowing, as collector	62 00	
Joseph D. Gowing, for extra service and expense	23 60	
Joseph D. Gowing, printing, postage and express,	13 65	
George K. Parker, as school committee,	44 50	
Edward S. Rayner, as school committee,	24 00	
Gilbert R. Bent, as school committee,	36 25	
Sylvester Eaton, as constable,	10 70	
Henry C. Eaton, as constable,	2 00	
Henry C. Eaton, as truant officer,	75	
Appleton P. Eaton, as truant officer for 1883,	2 50	
Henry H. Dame, as fish committee,	1 25	
Nathaniel P. Eaton, as fish committee,	5 00	
	—————	\$649 80

STATE AID.

Paid Tryphena Harris	48 00
Rebecca J. McIntire	48 00
Sarah J. Mason	48 00
Jane Proctor	48 00
Josephine Watts,	48 00
Elizabeth C. Ball,	16 00
Charles J. Burditt	72 00
Robert B. Walsh	54 00
	\$382 00

MILITARY AID.

Paid Joseph Kenney	24 00
William H. Gerry	110 00
George S. Walls	16 00
John Grant	72 00
Henry C. Flint	72 00
William C. McIntire	72 00
Frederick C. McIntire	24 00
	\$390 00

ROAD WORK.

Paid Sumner S. Abbott	150 00
J. Milton Robinson	150 13
Eliab Stone	100 00
Albert H. Holt	225 00
Dennis Batchelder	235 50
John B. Campbell	3 75
F. Howard Mosman	8 50
William McAllister, labor on sidewalks	2 50
Richard Nichols, culvert stone	3 00
Benjamin Eames, gravel	1 40
Charles C. Huntress, gravel	4 45
Cyrus Ayer, labor and lumber on roads, bridges, and railing	243 26
	1127 49

SNOW BILLS.

Paid Sumner S. Abbott	3 25	
J. Milton Robinson	9 00	
Albert H. Holt	19 90	
Dennis Batchelder	11 55	
George R. Hinman	2 00	
Alanson A. Upton, 1883	2 50	
		\$48 20

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid for printing annual reports and town warrants	30 25	
Interest on town notes	642 66	
Order book	8 00	
Johnson pumps	59 40	
State tax	580 00	
County tax	266 80	
Cemetery bills	34 95	
Charles H. Carlton, care of weights and measures	3 00	
Charles H. Carlton, return of deaths	5 25	
Charles J. Burditt, ringing bell	52 00	
Charles J. Burditt, watchman	2 00	
Horse hire for fish committee	5 75	
Repairs on pumps	16 14	
George W. Hayward, care of old hall	5 00	
Labor on Park and for vase	75 10	
Printing posters	1 50	
Return of births	3 25	
Timothy Cummings, labor at fire	1 50	
Repairs on Flint memorial hall	13 97	
Town note and interest	1027 50	
Over taxation and abatements	62 24	
Lodging tramps	43 00	
		\$2939 26

(See Report of Treasurer.)

Orders drawn for schools	2556 97
town officers	649 80
state aid	382 00
military aid	390 00
highways	1127 49
snow bills	48 20
overseers of the poor	2035 04
miscellaneous	2939 26
	———— 10128 76

SAMUEL BATCHELDER,	}	Selectmen
SOLON O. HOLT,		of
DENNIS BATCHELDER,		North Reading.

Report of the Overseers of the Poor.

NAMES AND AGES OF INMATES AT ALMSHOUSE.

Nathaniel McIntire,	70 years.
Ruth McIntire,	76 "
Emily A. Buxton,	40 "
Sarah A. Banker,	35 "
Newton Batchelder,	59 "
Maria McIntire,*	15 "
William S. McIntire,	14 "
Charles H. McIntire	12 "
Olive Curry,	64 "
Emma M. McIntire,	22 "
James O'Donnel,	42 "
Whole number,	111
Present number	8
Average number	8½

One hundred seventy-two tramps have been assisted.

* Died February 26th, 1884

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE ALMSHOUSE,
FEBRUARY, 1885.

Seven cows	\$300 00	
Three sheep	15 00	
Hay and grain	165 00	
Manure	100 00	
Lumber	40 00	
Wood and Fuel	100 00	
Farming Utensils	252 50	
Household Furniture	419 70	
Provisions	262 50	
Thirty-eight fowls	19 00	
		1673 70

RECEIPTS AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

Received for labor done off the farm	200 07	
produce	67 61	
milk	380 55	
stock	277 71	
board	16 15	
wood	132 50	
lumber	86 50	
hay	5 00	
tramps	43 00	
cash for selectmen	1085 07	
		2294 16

EXPENSES AT THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for groceries	121 29	
flour and grain	322 58	
fish and meat	132 86	
butter and cheese	65 93	
crackers	23 89	
clothing, bedding and shoes	39 19	
house furniture	15 58	
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		721 32

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	—————	721 32
medicine	9 00	
ice	9 00	
coal	16 70	
labor	286 54	
repairs on buildings	156 95	
fertilizer	32 50	
grass	8 00	
stock	371 33	
farming tools and seeds	32 13	
blacksmith bill	23 38	
expense on well and pipe	145 70	
burial of Emma McIntire	15 25	
lumber	110 28	
miscellaneous	6 08	
Cyrus Ayer, as keeper	350 00	
	—————	\$2294 16

EXPENSES OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid Town of Andover for Mrs. W. C.		
McIntire	16 00	
Town of Andover for Addison		
McIntire	8 00	
Town of Andover for Fred. C.		
McIntire	35 35	
burial Fred. C. McIntire's child	5 00	
supplies furnished Eliza Bird	38 91	
Town of Middleton for S. Curry and		
family, 1883	124 61	
Town of Middleton for S. Curry and		
family	116 43	
Wm. P. Davis, for medical services for		
T. O'Coner	20 00	
George Early	35 80	
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	—————	400 10

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		400 10
Mrs. William Walls	6 85	
George E. McIntire	22 00	
J. H. Gates	12 50	
George Margerson	12 00	
Charles B. Abbott	16 75	
Mrs. John Day	122 75	
Mrs. Alice Batchelder	113 39	
Jacob McIntire	53 13	
Mrs. Louisa Fitzmoris	104 00	
Medical services for Augusta McIntire	2 50	
Town of Natick for W. A. Nichols	36 00	
R. B. Walsh for grandchild	48 00	
Expenses of the poor out of the almshouse		949 97
Expenses of the poor at almshouse		1085 07
Received from orders		\$2035 04

SAMUEL BATCHELEER, } Overseers
 SOLON O. HOLT, } of the
 DENNIS BATCHELDER, } Poor.

Treasurer's Report.

Balance from last year	234 23
Taxes collected for 1882	800 00
“ “ “ 1883	2680 42
“ “ “ 1884	4650 00
From State for State Aid	408 00
“ “ Military Aid	267 00
“ “ Corporation tax	34 54
“ “ Nat. Bank tax	28 21
“ “ School fund	209 49
“ “ Pauper account	121 53
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	9433 42

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	—————9433 42
County dog fund	133 28
City of Lynn, Overseers acc't	143 75
Town of Reading, bridge acc't	2 08
Rent of Flint Hall Building	26 50
“ “ Old Hall	35 00
Knights of Honor for ante-room	10 00
Trustees Riverside Cemetery	53 00
For hearse	2 00
Interest on taxes, and deposits	62 10
Taxes not assessed	4 00
Harriet N. Flint for Memorial Hall fence	200 00
Harriet N. Flint for Memorial Park	75 10
George L. Flint auctioneer license	2 00
James L. Eaton “ “	2 00
School Books	7 09
H. H. Dame for fish permits	13 00
Alice Batchelder Estate	113 39
Hired money	1325 00
	—————11642 71
Paid Selectmen's orders	10128 76
Hired money	1325 00
	—————
	11453 76
Balance on hand	188 95

ASSETS.

Uncollected taxes for 1884	3417 88
Cash on hand	188 95
Due from State for State and Military aid payable Dec. 1885	786 00
	—————4392 83

LIABILITIES.

Due on Town Notes	10,000 00
Interest due April 1, 1885	275 00
Estimated amount due on pauper acc't	75 00
“ “ “ on other accounts	100 00

JOSEPH D. GOWING,

Treasurer and Collector.

We have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor and Treasurer, and find them correct and properly vouched for.

SAMUEL P. BREED, }
 BENJAMIN EAMES, } Auditors.
 GEORGE B. PARKER, }

February 20, 1885.

Assessors' Returns.

State Tax	580 00
County	266 80
For Schools	2000 00
Ordinary Expenses	3000 00
Highways	1100 00
Town Debt	1000 00
Johnson pumps	66 00
Cemeteries	28 00
Overlay	27 08
	—————\$8067 88
Total number of Polls	229
Tax on Polls	\$2 00
Rate of Tax Thousand	\$15 00
Personal Estate Assessed	53012 00
Real Estate Assessed	454580 00
	—————
Total	\$507,592 00

Number of houses	203 3-4
acres of land	7640
horses	126
oxen	8
cows	303
swine	75

SAMUEL BATCHELDER,	} Assessors	
OLON O. HOLT,		of
DENNIS BATCHELDER,		North Reading

Report of Treasurer for Trustees of Cemeteries, for the year 1884.

To paid for mowing and raking Riverside Cemetery,	\$10 00	
mowing and raking Cemetery near Alms-		
House		4 00
Trees		8 50
labor in Cemeteries		12 70
painting and lettering By-Laws		4 00
labor in 1883		75
Cr.		\$39 95
By balance of appropriation not		
expended in 1883	5 00	
Town appropriation, 1884	28 00	33 00
		\$6 95
Six lots sold		
Received for five lots		\$53 00
Paid to Town Treasurer		\$53 00
One lot not paid for		
C. P. HOWARD,		
Treasurer for Trustees of Cemeteries		
North Reading, February, 1885.		

Statistics from Town Clerk's Record.

FOR THE YEAR 1884.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

Number of Births.....	13
Males.....	8
Females.....	5
Number of Intentions or Marriages.....	11
Number of Marriages Recorded.....	12
Number of Deaths.....	21

Date of Death.	Name of Deceased.	Age.			Disease or cause of death
		Y.	M.	D.	
Feb. 18...	Miss Harriet Orne.....	82			General debility; old age..
Feb. 26...	Maria McIntire.....	15	2		Fits; consumption.....
March 15..	Mrs. Sophia Ingerson....	83	7	4	Paralysis.....
May 4....	Frank Whitney Foster....	9		7	Diphtheria.....
May 10...	Jennie F. Ruggles.....	2	7	3	Diphtheria.....
May 13...	Mrs. Mary L. R. B. Flint..	27	7	18	Consumption.....
May 15...	Mrs. Alice E. Batchelder..	79	9	13	Paralysis.....
May 22...	Milton E. Frohock.....	7	7	23	Heart Disease.....
June 20...	Dea. Joseph H. Eaton....	80	10	3	Paralysis; general debility
July 20...	Mrs. Mary Eames.....	69			Suicide.....
July 31...	Willam H. Batchelder....	15		22	Consumption.....
Aug. 2....	Mr. Moses T. Kimball....	66	6	15	Paralysis.....
Aug. 11...	Mrs. Fannie L. Delhman..	31		28	Heart Disease.....
Aug. 29...	Grace R. Flint.....		2	2	Cholera Infantum.....
Aug. 31...	Mr. Edward S. Smith....	33	7	16	Dis. of lungs; consumpt'n.
Sept. 8....	Mrs. Miranda P. Merrill...	64			Typhoid dysentery.....
Sept. 25..	Mrs. Hannah C. Flint....	74	2	10	Heart disease.....
Oct. 10...	Mrs. Mary Peabody.....	92		5	Old Age
Oct. 14...	Mrs. Salome F. Hayward..	68	10	5	Disease of Liver.....
Nov. 16...	Mr. Thomas Rayner.....	84	3	26	Pneumonia.....
Dec. 23...	Charles A. McIntire.....		2	15	Convulsion.....

CHARLES P. HOWARD,

TOWN CLERK.

NORTH READING, February, 1885

Report of Trustees of Flint Library,

The months of another year have passed, and we as trustees are called to make record of things pertaining to or connected with the Flint Library.

The books of which we spoke in our last report as expecting, were received in due time from Mr. Oren Nichols of New York, a native of this town. He has our thanks. Our thanks are also due to Hon. Mr. Russell, Mrs. Harriet N. Flint, Miss Josephine Flint, and others, for books presented to the library.

The most notable event of the year has been the supply of shelf-room, the need mentioned in our last report. We have increased our shelf capacity three fold by means of alcoves; or, to be more particular, setting aside the two shelves under the counter, to the running length of twenty-four feet, our original capacity. We have added sixty feet.

The work is well done and there will probably be no further need in this direction for the next generation. At first the appearance of our room seemed somewhat less attractive, but familiarity has dispelled the impression. We now have ample room for the patrons of the library. If at any further time the people desire a reading room, an adjoining room might be easily fitted for the purpose. Having supplied our need, the question was "who shall make payment." We were desired not to call on the town, and we have withheld the money usually expended for books to meet payment. Quite recently we have been helped in this matter by the burden bearer, Mrs Flint, who has given to us one hundred dollars.

We feel that it becomes us as a town to do more than return thanks to the giver. Let us at least meet the balance of the bill by appropriating so much from the dog tax. Last year the tax was voted to be added to the School appropriation. This was done rather hastily, not from a desire to take from the library funds, but through fearfulness that the

School fund might be short. The fear was altogether unfounded.

The circulation for the past year is a little above the average. We have purposed to have the library more perfectly lighted as the other alterations have made it necessary. The want of funds is our only excuse, and that is now obviated.

In conclusion, we ask the town to remember us in making their appropriation.

GEORGE K. PARKER,	}	Trustees.
GEORGE B. PARKER,		
JOHN B. CAMPBELL,		
GEORGE L. FLINT,		
JOSEPH D. GOWING,		
DENNIS BATCHELDER,		

Flint Library, North Reading, Feb. 21, 1885.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand February 16, 1884	97 37
Interest on Flint Memorial fund	165 00
Mrs Harriet N. Flint	100 00
Miss Josephine Flint	2 50
	\$364 87

PAYMENTS.

W. A. Campbell making alcoves in library room,	131 85
W. I. Nichols, material and labor	35 12
W. H. Titus,	2 95
Librarian	52 00
Insurance,	22 75
W. B. Clark & Carruth,	19 07

Express,	2 70
Care of Library room,	3 00
Repairing Books,	3 80
Wood,	3 30

\$276 54

Balance \$88 33

GEORGE B. PARKER,

Treasurer of Flint Library.

North Reading, Feb. 21, 1885.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Total number of volumes in library	2364
Added by purchase within the year	24
Donation from Mr. Oren Nichols, N. York	82 vols.
“ “	3 pamphlets
Mr. Wm. A. Russell	9 vols.
Miss Josephine Flint	4 “
Mrs. Charles F. Flint	3 “
Mr. George W. Tyron, Phil.	1 “
Mr. A. W. Cannon, Washington	1 “
Dep. of Interior	1 “
	101 vols.

Whole number of books delivered	7637
Fines collected	9 11
Miscellaneous expenses	\$9 45

SARAH H. WHITCOMB.

North Reading, Feb. 21, 1885.

THE REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
OF THE
TOWN OF NORTH READING,
FOR THE
SCHOOL YEAR 1884-5.

Report of School Committee.

TO THE INHABITANTS OF NORTH READING.

FELLOW CITIZENS :—In making this report, we are pleased to note the greatly improved appearance of the school houses by application of paint ; five of them have been thus beautified and the appropriation not exhausted. By doing this you have given your children a lesson of self-respect, and put your property in a better state of preservation. Children are greatly influenced by their surroundings, and the young life should be passed amid those beautiful rather than uncomely, therefore, caring for school property is a factor in education.

AVAILABLE FOR SCHOOLS.

Town appropriation, one thousand nine hundred dollars (\$1900). Massachusetts school fund, two hundred nine dollars (\$209.00) Dog tax, (133.28). Expended for teaching, seventeen hundred and forty-eight dollars (\$1748.00). Wood, one hundred thirty-two dollars and fifty cents (\$132.50). Care of school rooms, seventy-two dollars (\$72.00). Globe and Maps, twenty-nine dollars and sixty-seven cents (\$29.67).

FREE TEXT BOOKS.

The law concerning free text books came in force the first of August. There was no appropriation, consequently individuals were relieved and the burden left for the town. We have expended two hundred fourteen dollars and seventy-six

cents (\$214.76), for supply. Deduct cost of globe and maps (\$29.67), and supply on hand, (\$19.94), leaves one hundred sixty-five dollars and fifteen cents (\$165.15), net cost of supply. The real cost is no greater than under the old system only by so much as the supply has been more complete. There has been always reluctance to taking books at public charge, and pupils have been allowed to borrow, get along anyway, rather than wound their feeling of independence. The real cost will be less than before. Where the system has been voluntarily adopted, it has proved highly beneficial. For the safe custody of the books not in use a small book-case will be needed in every school-room.

COMPULSORY EDUCATION.

There has been little, if any truancy, but the attendance of some children at school has been irregular and unsatisfactory. We have made investigation, tried to cure the evil by personal effort and aid of truant officers. Some need the assistance of their children; excuses are abundant. The real reason is the small estimate of school advantages. Mild measures being but partially successful, we may be obliged to use more forcible means. We know that it is a delicate matter to interfere in any manner in regard to household arrangements, and yet no truth can be plainer than that a man has no right to deprive his child of common school privileges, except he be in very needy circumstances.

HELPS.

At the commencement of the Spring term, Mr. John T. Prince, agent of the Board of Education, visited our schools, to see the manner and methods of the teachers, and make examination of the scholars. He afterwards met the teachers and committee, and gave a talk upon school work, full of practical thought. It was a red-letter day with us. We hold it in grateful remembrance, as we also do a similar service

rendered by the Hon. George Boutwell, nearly thirty years ago. Our teachers, also, by the courtesy of Horace Wadlin, Esq., and in company of the teachers of Reading and Wakefield, attended a course of lectures given by Mr. Charles M. Carter, of the Boston Normal Art School, at the High school house in Reading. These helps, so wisely given by the Board of Education, yield large reward.

SUPERVISION.

Careful observation by those amply qualified to investigate has fully established the truth of the proposition, "That schools rise or fall according to the quality of the supervision." The visit of Mr. Prince revealed to us very emphatically the benefit that would come to our schools if placed in care of such a superintendent. All of the cities in the state have superintendents, and many of the larger towns by union of effort. The greatest obstacle in the way is to get the necessary appropriation from the town; the people are not yet fully prepared for the change. The rapid advancement of the past few years in educational thought and method, indicates that such care will rule at no distant time in our goodly state of Massachusetts.

CHANGES.

Miss Battles left at the close of the Spring term to take a more lucrative position in her native place. We received her resignation with regret. She had shown rare adaptation for the work of teaching, and stood high in public favor. The vacancy was supplied by transferring Miss Fowle to the Franklin, and electing Miss Flint to the West. Miss Putnam resigned at the close of the Fall term to enter the domestic relation. Miss Batchelder of the North school, was transferred to the Centre, Miss Flint to the North, and Miss Dearborn elected for the West school, a position she formerly very acceptably filled for the space of four years.

SCHOOLS.

The schools have attained all the success that could reasonably be expected. We do not claim that our teachers are perfect; they are human, and it is because of their humanity that they are fitted to teach human children. It is very much as they have ability to enter into the thoughts and workings of the child's mind, that they are enabled to be helpful in its unfolding. It is much easier to tell a scholar, than to get a scholar to tell you; to think for a scholar than to get him to think for himself. Every teacher will find room for love, sympathy, nice discrimination, and a large stock of patience. Our best teachers are often surprised that so much is forgotten or but dimly understood. There is need of "line upon line, and precept upon precept." We never complain that the ground is compassed with too much care; the young mind develops slowly, and its grasp is but feeble. Let not courage fail "The husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and the latter rain."

HIGH SCHOOL.

The High school was established in the year 1868. At that time one hundred thirty-four schools in the state were returned as High schools. The people are more and more feeling the need of these secondary schools as a necessary adjunct of the common schools; observation shows that the lower grade is elevated in towns maintaining a High school. There are by the last report two hundred and twenty-six such schools in the state, so situated that ninety-two per cent. of the inhabitants share their benefits. North Reading is one of the seventy-five towns not so required, maintaining a High school. There never has been so much union of feeling as at the present time; the engagement of Mr. Kelley for the second year met the wish of the people. The school is comparatively large (twenty-seven), and the

average attendance ninety-two, very creditable. Six scholars were graduated in June ; three of them remain to pursue further study. They have acted wisely and well, and will be repaid.

IMPROVIDENT.

Many Scholars never reach the High School, and some, who enter do not remain to complete the course.

There is an undue impatience to have children through with School life, a kind of mercenary calculation having regard to present gain for self rather than the ultimate good of the child. This is a penny-wise policy, an unnatural and unjustifiable wrong to their children. Let children be children a year or two longer ;— the more mature the child the greater the benefit of the School,—and parents pinch yourselves if pinch there must be, rather than curtail the birth-right of your children.

MORAL EDUCATION.

The formation of character is the prime object of education. Guidance in the way of right living is of vital importance.

The Statue says. "It shall be the duty of all instructors of youth to exert their best endeavors to impress on the minds of children and youth committed to their care and instruction the principles of piety and justice, and a sacred regard for truth ; love of their country, humanity, and universal benevolence ; sobriety, industry, and frugality ; chastity, moderation, and temperance ; and those other virtues which are ornaments of human society and the basis upon which a republican constitution is founded ; and it shall be the duty of such instructors to endeavor to lead their pupils, as their ages and capacities will admit, into a clear understanding of the tendencies of the above mentioned virtues to preserve and perfect a republican constitution and secure the blessings of liberty as well as to promote their further happi-

ness, and also to point out to them the evil tendency of the opposite vices." This is the unseen in education, the training of the will power and moral sensibilities. We cannot test or exhibit the progress made, or give a specific manner of teaching. The loving mother will find ways to bless her child, so the true teacher will reach out a loving kindly hand to uplift her pupils. What dignity invests the calling of the most humble teacher. Possibilities for good are on every side; a young immortal may be helped to a higher, purer, and more useful life.

In conclusion, we ask the town to make the same liberal provision for the maintenance of schools as last year.

Humbly submitted,

GEORGE K. PARKER,	} School Committee.
EDWARD S. RAYNER,	
GILBERT R. BENT,	

North Reading, Feb. 16, 1885.

GRADUATES OF HIGH SCHOOL.

EDWARD B. BATCHELDER,
EDWARD D. PAKKER,
EMMA BATCHELDER,

GUSTAVUS D. PARKER,
HELEN M. ABBOTT,
MARY D. UPTON.

STATISTICS.

SCHOOLS	TEACHERS.	Enrolled.	Average No. belonging.	Average attendance.	Per centage.	Average attendance.	No. between 7 and 14 yrs. of age.	No under 5 years of age.	No. over 15 years of age.
High	Frank L. Kelley	29	27	25	.92	9			11
Centre.....	Mary A. Putnam.....								
	Anna Batchelder.....	41	29	24	.82	27			
Franklin, ...	Amy F. Battles								
	Minnie A. Fowle	33	31	23	.76	25			
West.....	Minnie A. Fowle.....								
	Sally U. Flint.....	13	12½	8	.64	11			
	Jenny L. Dearborn.....								
North	Anna Batchelder.....								
	Sallie U. Flint.....	21	17¾	15	.85	15			
East.....	Virginia Peabody	33	22	20	.90	23			
		170	139	115	.81½	110			

LIST OF BOOKS AND SUPPLIES ON HAND FEB. 1885.

4	Bradbury Eaton C. S. Arithmetic, .75	\$3.00
5	" " Intellectual " .30	1.80
7	" " Primary " .18	1.26
4	Warren C. S. Geography .90	3.60
1	Mayhew blank .60	.60
2	Swinton Language les. .35	.70
5	" word B. .18	.90
14	Drawing books .10	1.40
26	Copy " 10	2.60
5	1-2 Gross lead pencils, 1.00	.40

5½ " Gov. State "	1.00	.40
½ box Com. " "	.17	.8
1½ doz Drawing "	.25	.30
Practice Paper		.20
Examination Paper		1.00
1 Gross Pens		.50
6 Covered Slates	.15	.90
Rubber		.30
		\$19.94

Town Warrant.

Middlesex, ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of North Reading in the county of Middlesex

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of North Reading, qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to meet at the TOWN HALL, in said town, on MONDAY, the Second day of March next, at Eight o'clock A. M., then and there to act on the following Articles viz: —

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To hear reports of Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, and act thereon.

ART. 4. To hear report of Treasurer and Collector and act thereon.

ART. 5. To hear report of School Committee, and act thereon.

ART. 6. To hear report of Trustees of Flint Library, and act thereon.

ART. 7. To hear report of Trustees of Cemeteries, and act thereon.

ART. 8. Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in the Town? Yes, or No.

ART. 9. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for Schools and Incidentals for the coming year.

ART. 10. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for ordinary expenses, for the ensuing year.

ART. 11. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for Highways, and the manner in which it shall be spent.

ART. 12. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the payment of the Town Debt.

ART. 13. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the improvement of their Cemeteries, and the manner in which it shall be expended.

ART. 14. To see what action the Town will take in regard to the money received from the Dog fund.

ART. 15. To see what method the Town will adopt for the collection of Taxes for the coming year.

ART. 16. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money to meet the demands of the Town, under the direction and approval of the Selectmen.

ART. 17. To see what action the Town will take in regard to removing the trees on the sidewalk near the residence of William I. Nichols, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 18. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the improvement of the Sidewalk near the residence of William I. Nichols.

ART. 19. To see if the Town will accept the gift of Mrs. Harriet N. Flint, for the improvement of Memorial Park.

ART. 20. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for painting Memorial Hall building.

ART. 21. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for painting West Ward School House.

ART. 22. To see if the Town will accept of the list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.

ART. 23. To hear report of Selectmen on Guideboards, and act thereon.

ART 24. To hear report of Committees, and act thereon.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twentieth day of February, A. D. eighteen hundred and eighty-five.

SAMUEL BATCHELDER,	}	<i>Selectmen</i> <i>of</i> <i>North Reading.</i>
SOLON O. HOLT,		
DENNIS BATCHELDER,		

A true copy. Attest, SYLVESTER EATON, *Constable.*

